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**City of Stockton Community Devotion
September 11th Anniversary Tribute – *Never Forgotten*
A Gathering for Peace and Unity**

(Stockton, CA) - The City of Stockton invites the entire community to join in the third annual tribute to the victims of September 11, 2001 on Friday, September 10, 2004, at noon on the North side of City Hall.

“What started as a memorial and an opportunity to grieve has become a celebration of our freedom and the diversity of our community,” said Mayor Gary Podesto. “This annual event provides the community of Stockton the opportunity to join together in devotion as we remember the victims of the September 11, 2001 tragedy.”

The theme for this year’s event is *Never Forgotten*. The event will begin promptly at noon and will last approximately one hour. The Lincoln High School Band will perform as the crowd gathers. Mayor Gary Podesto will welcome those in attendance, followed by a reading, *Unsung Heros*, by Bob Eustis. The Franklin High School Junior ROTC will post the colors. Prayer, meditation, and reflections will be provided by leaders of various communities of faith. Stockton Fire and Police Departments will be honored.

On September 10, Civic Court and Fremont Street, immediately in front of the North side of City Hall, will be closed to parking from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Civic Court, Fremont Street, and Center Street, East of Martin Luther King Plaza, will be closed to through traffic from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to accommodate this event.

For more information, please contact Dino Leonardi at Parks and Recreation, (209) 937-8958.

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